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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO OASGA

1. IF SECRETARY STOPS OVER IN SANTA CRUZ, I SUGGEST FOLLOWING
BE INCLUDED IN HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB:

A) SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING FOR BOLIVIA'S DESIRE FOR OUTLET TO
THE SEA; A DESIRE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS ON TALKS; AND
AN OFFER TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FINANCING OF PORT OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE, IF PERU, CHILE AND BOLIVIA REACH
AGREEMENT;

B.) A REVIEW OF WORLD COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES FROM US POINT OF VIEW,
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO OUR POSITION ON WHETHER SOUTHERN
CONE OF SOUTH AMERICA IS A TARGET; (PLEASE SEE MY
RECENT CABLE ON THIS.)

C.) STRONG PITCH FOR GREATER COOPERATION IN MUTUAL EFFORTS TO
COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING, FOLLOWING COMPLIMENT TO PRESIDENT FOR
HIS FIRM PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN THIS REGARD, INCLUDING HIS
SPEECH AT UN OCTOBER 8. (SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO STRESS IMPORTANCE
OF GREATER LOCAL BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS FOR BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS
OFFICE.) IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISH TO NOTE THAT SANTA CRUZ
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IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS CENTER OF COCAINE TRAFFICKING AND MANY

LEADING BUSINESSMEN, SUPPORTERS OF PRESIDENT ARE BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED.

D) HUMAN RIGHTS SUBJECT MIGHT BE RAISED IN LOW KEY FASHION IF APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF. BOLIVIAN SITUATION BETTER THAN BEFORE AND TREND IS IN RIGHT DIRECTION, ALTHOUGH RECORD NOT PERFECT.

E) US CITIZENS IMPRISONED ON DRUG CHARGES DO NOT POSE BILATERAL PROBLEM, BUT SECRETARY MIGHT CONGRATULATE GOB ON EFFORT TO MODERNIZE DRUG LAW AND SUGGEST FLEXIBILITY IN LENGTH OF SENTENCES FOR FIRST OR MINOR OFFENDERS, & USERS, WHICH NOW TEN YEARS. JUDGES RELUCTANT TO IMPOSE AND SENTENCES WITH DECISIONS ARE PROLONGED.

F. SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR PITCH FROM GOB FOR U.S. TO REFRAIN FROM OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR SALES OF TIN FROM U.S. STOCKPILE OR, IF OBTAINED, FOR U.S. TO ADOPT CLEAR SALES POLICY WHICH WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT TIN PRICE. OTHER FACETS OF V TIN AGREEMENT MAY ALSO BE RAISED.

G.) SECRETARY SHOULD ALSO EXPECT RECEIVE EXHORTATIONS FROM GOB AUTHORITIES FOR MORE EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY OF MILITARY ITEMS ORDERED UNDER MAP AND FMS.

2. IN PUBLIC STATEMENT SECRETARY MIGHT CONSIDER:

A) CONGRATULATING BOLIVIA ON RECENT ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND STABILITY;

B.) UNDERLIES EXCELLENT US-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS UNMARKED BY ANY BILATERAL PROBLEMS;

C.) INDICATING CONTINUED US INTEREST THROUGH AID PROGRAMS TO HELP RURAL POOR IN AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION;

D.) STRESSING SHOWING US-BOLIVIAN COOPERATION AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING.

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3. IN PRESS OPPORTUNITY, SECRETARY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ASKED TO COMMENT ACCESS TO SEA AND GSA SALES OF TINE WHILE I KNOW DEPT WILL PREPARE CAREFUL SUGGESTED LANGUAGE, I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THESE TWO ISSUES ARE THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN. A SYMPATHETIC TONE ON THE ACCESS TO SEA IS INDICATED. EMPHASIS ON OUR SIGHING (AND I HOPE RATIFICATION OF V TIN AGREEMENT) AND AN ADHERENCE TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF OUR ACTIONS ON THE ECONOMICS OF LDCS IS ALSO INDICATED.

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